

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1040

January Session, 2019



## AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 5-262 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 (a) As used in this section:
- 4 [(1) "Federation" means a legally constituted grouping of not less 5 than five affiliated nonprofit charitable member organizations that are
- than five affiliated nonprofit charitable member organizations that are
- 6 exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
- 7 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
- 8 of the United States, as from time to time amended, conducting a
- 9 single, annual, consolidated effort to secure funds for distribution to its
- 10 member agencies engaged in charitable and public health, welfare,
- 11 environmental, conservation or service purposes.]
- 12 [(2)] (1) "Principal combined fund-raising organization" means a
- 13 [federation,] charitable organization or consultant, as described in
- 14 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, that is selected by the
- 15 State Employee Campaign Committee to administer the State
- 16 Employee Campaign under the direction and control of said
- 17 committee.
- 18 [(3)] (2) "State Employee Campaign" means an annual campaign to

raise funds from state employees for charitable and public health, welfare, environmental, conservation or service purposes.

(b) [(1)] There is established a State Employee Campaign Committee consisting of: (1) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee; (3) the executive director of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, or the executive director's designee; [ten state employees appointed in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection; two retired state employees, one appointed by the Governor and one appointed by the Comptroller; one nonvoting representative from each participating federation; and one nonvoting representative from the principal combined fund-raising organization selected pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section (4) two state employees, appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a representative of organized labor and one of whom will serve as the primary liaison between the committee and the department heads, as defined in section 4-5; (5) one state employee, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (6) one state employee, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; and (7) two retired employees, appointed by the Comptroller. Not more than one state employee from any state agency shall be appointed to the committee. All [voting] appointed members of the State Employee Campaign Committee and their successors shall serve in accordance with the provisions of section 4-1a. The committee shall select one of its [voting] members to serve as chairperson.

[(2) The ten state employee members of the State Employee Campaign Committee shall be appointed as follows: Four by the Governor, two of whom shall be representatives of organized labor; one by the speaker of the House of Representatives; one by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; one by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; one by the president pro tempore of the Senate; one by the majority leader of the Senate; and one by the minority leader of the Senate.]

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- (c) (1) The State Employee Campaign Committee shall (A) exercise general supervision over all operations of the State Employee Campaign and take any actions necessary for achievement of campaign objectives; (B) have the authority, for purposes of complying with the provisions of this section and any regulations adopted under this section, to audit, investigate and report on the administration of the State Employee Campaign; and (C) be responsible for [(A)] the overall coordination of the State Employee Campaign, [selection of participating federations and approval of campaign materials to be used for the State Employee Campaign,] and [(B)] the selection and supervision of, and contracting with, a principal combined fundraising organization to administer the State Employee Campaign.
- (2) Each [federation,] charitable organization or consultant submitting an application to become the principal combined fundraising organization for the State Employee Campaign shall demonstrate that such [federation,] charitable organization or consultant (A) has prior workplace campaign experience, including, but not limited to, (i) the development of financial procedures for processing and tracking contributions and expenditures, and (ii) [conducting] <u>facilitating</u> campaign operations, [such as a kick-off and other events for the State Employee Campaign,] (B) has staff necessary to administer the State Employee Campaign, and (C) will administer the State Employee Campaign equitably and fairly.
- (3) If two or more [federations,] charitable organizations or consultants submit an application to become the principal combined fund-raising organization for the State Employee Campaign, the State Employee Campaign Committee shall, through a competitive process, select the lowest responsible qualified bidder, as defined in subsection (a) of section 4a-59. If only one [federation,] charitable organization or consultant submits such an application and meets the qualifications prescribed in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the State Employee Campaign Committee shall select such [federation,] charitable organization or consultant to become the principal combined fund-

raising organization.

- [(4) The Comptroller, on behalf of the State Employee Campaign Committee, shall contract with the selected principal combined fundraising organization to administer the State Employee Campaign.
- (d) (1) Any federation that did not participate in the most recently completed State Employee Campaign and wishes to participate in the next State Employee Campaign shall apply to the State Employee Campaign Committee not later than January fifteenth after the most recently completed State Employee Campaign for approval to participate in the next State Employee Campaign. Such application shall contain information required by regulations adopted by the office of the Comptroller in accordance with chapter 54, pursuant to subsection (h) of this section. The committee shall review such application and notify the federation of the committee's decision not later than May fifteenth. If a federation's application is denied, such federation may appeal the decision of the committee in accordance with the procedures set forth in such regulations adopted by the office of the Comptroller.
- (2) On or before January fifteenth, each federation which participated in the most recently completed State Employee Campaign and wishes to participate in the next State Employee Campaign Shall submit to the State Employee Campaign Committee a letter of intent to participate in the next State Employee Campaign. On or before April fifteenth, each such federation shall apply to the State Employee Campaign Committee for approval to participate in the next State Employee Campaign. Such application shall contain information required by regulations adopted by the office of the Comptroller in accordance with chapter 54, pursuant to subsection (h) of this section. The committee shall review such application and notify the federation of the committee's decision not later than May fifteenth. If a federation's application is denied, such federation may appeal the decision of the committee in accordance with the procedures set forth in such regulations adopted by the office of the Comptroller.]

- (d) In order to be included in the State Employee Campaign, a charitable organization shall (1) have a written policy of nondiscrimination and be in compliance with all requirements of law regarding nondiscrimination, equal employment opportunity and public accommodation with respect to its programs, clients, officers, employees and volunteers; (2) use the funds contributed to the State Employee Campaign by state employees for their stated purpose within the state and not use more than fifteen per cent of such funds for the charitable organization's administrative costs; (3) be exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time; and (4) demonstrate that its programs are located within and serve the state, as evidenced by the presence in the state of at least one staffed facility at which goods or services may be obtained.
- (e) The Comptroller, upon written request of any state officer or employee, shall deduct, each pay period, from the salary or wages of such officer or employee the amount of money designated by such officer or employee for payment to the [participating federation or federations] charitable organization indicated by the officer or employee. Upon collecting such deductions, the Comptroller shall transmit them to the principal combined fund-raising organization selected pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section, together with a list of officers and employees contributing to each [federation or such federation's member agencies] charitable organization, provided the identity of any officer or employee who has communicated in writing that such employee or officer desires to remain anonymous shall not be so transmitted. Such principal combined fund-raising organization shall, each month after receiving funds from the Comptroller, distribute the funds among the other Ifederations for further distribution to the member agencies of the federations] charitable organizations.
  - (f) Prior to the annual commencement of the State Employee

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Campaign, the principal combined fund-raising organization shall submit for the approval of the State Employee Campaign Committee an itemized budget of anticipated administrative expenses, which budget shall not include campaign expenses. Following the annual conclusion of the State Employee Campaign, the principal combined fund-raising organization shall recover an amount not to exceed one hundred ten per cent of its preapproved actual administrative expenses from the gross payroll deduction receipts of the campaign in accordance with procedures set forth in regulations adopted by the [office of the Comptroller] State Employee Campaign Committee, pursuant to subsection (h) of this section. Undesignated funds raised through the campaign shall be distributed among the participating [federations] charitable organization in proportion to the amount of funds designated for each [federation] charitable organization.

- (g) Not later than March first annually, the principal combined fund-raising organization shall submit to the Auditors of Public Accounts for audit a financial report of such principal combined fund-raising organization's activities relating to the State Employee Campaign payroll deductions made during the previous calendar year. The principal combined fund-raising organization shall submit a copy of such financial report to the office of the Comptroller.
- (h) The [Comptroller] State Employee Campaign Committee shall [(1)] adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section. [, (2) exercise general supervision over all operations of the State Employee Campaign and take any steps necessary to ensure achievement of campaign objectives, and (3) have the authority, for purposes of compliance with this section and any regulations adopted pursuant to this section, to audit, investigate and report on the administration of the State principal Employee Campaign, the combined fund-raising organization that administers the campaign and any federation or federation member organization that participates in the campaign.]
  - (i) Not later than July 1, 2016, and not later than April first annually

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thereafter, the State Employee Campaign Committee shall conduct a comprehensive review of the State Employee Campaign and submit to the Governor, the Comptroller and the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a, a report on the results of the most recently completed State Employee Campaign and recommendations for improvements in the next State Employee Campaign.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	5-262

## Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b), "appointed" was added before "members" for accuracy.

GAE Joint Favorable Subst.